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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pending claims 8 and 11 have been amended to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection.

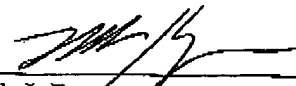
Claim 1 recites converting a configuration access within a decoder of a second processor coupled to a first processor by a network fabric comprising a plurality of point to point links. The cited art nowhere teaches or suggests this network fabric. In this regard, the Office Action refers to the AAPA for a direct connection between two processors. However, as clearly seen in FIG. 1, the two processors are not connected by a plurality of point to point links. Instead, a front side bus couples the processors and other components, such as the chipset shown in FIG. 1. Still further, the cited art fails to teach or suggest that an integrated device of a processor is configured such that an entire configuration space is globally visible to both processors. That is, the cited art fails to teach or suggest such global visibility of multiple processors to an entire configuration space. Accordingly, claims 1 and 15 and their dependent claims are patentable.

Regarding claim 6, the cited art fails to teach or suggest the decoding including the retrieval of a port number using a node identifier that is in turn retrieved using a configuration address that is associated with an IO configuration access. Still further, the cited art fails to teach or suggest that such a configuration cycle that includes a transaction address, node identifier and port number be directly routed from a second processor to an integrated device in a first processor. In this regard, the secondary reference Downer, contended to meet the recited retrieval of a port identifier, nowhere teaches or suggests this subject matter of claim 6, in that Downer fails to teach the retrieval of a port number using a node identifier that itself is retrieved using a configuration address associated with an IO configuration access. Accordingly, claim 6 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable over the cited art. For at least similar reasons, claims 12 and 18 and their independent claims are similarly patentable.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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